

Borough of Plymouth.

WP 219.41/44

AT a MEETING of the COMMITTEE, appointed to regulate such Proceedings as might be proper to be adopted for the Defence of the Country,

Mr. Thomas Cleather, in the Chair,

The following Copy of a Letter was produced from the LORD LIEUTENANT, to the DEPUTY LIEUTENANTS, appointed to superintend the several Hundreds within the County of Devon, (*viz.*)

"I HAVE to desire that you will particularly attend to the following Arrangements, which I most earnestly recommend to you, to lose no Time in carrying into Execution, as being especially coupled with the Measures already adopted, and tending to unite the Force of the Country, and to prevent Confusion in the Case of Invasion.

"That two Men be selected from each Parish, instead of those already returned, as Guides. That they be young Men, quick-sighted, bold Riders, and from their Occupations or Amusements, accustomed to know the Parish Roads, and Country adjacent. That they be mounted on hardy Horses, habituated to the Roads and Stoney Lanes. That each Person be provided with a light Fowling-Piece, a few Bullets, and a Powder-horn, a Hatchet or Bill-Hook, and a pointed Case-Knife; that he have also a Blanket with Eyelet-Holes at each Corner, which being staked out, may serve, if necessary, in a Wood or under a Hedge, for a Tent. That he bring with him to the Place of Rendezvous, three Days Provision, and Corn for his Horse.

"A Corps of Guides of this Description would perform all the Services of the old Dragoons; and should they at any leisure Time amuse themselves with firing at Marks, so as to understand the Quantity of Powder requisite for the Charge of their Guns, they would fully supply the Place of Rifle-Men."

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RESOLVED—That Hand-Bills be immediately printed and dispersed, in Order to give Publicity to the said Letter, and that such Persons in the respective Parishes of ST. ANDREW and CHARLES, who are disposed to serve their Country in the Way pointed out, be requested to signify such their Intention, to the Chairman,

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